

VISION 2020 FISCAL RESOURCES TASK GROUP
Meeting Minutes 9/18/14
Large Ground Floor Room
Senior Center

ATTENDEES: David Garbarino (Co-Chair), Heather Remoff, Brian Hasbrouck, Scott Lever, Michael Ratner, Catherine Hiran, Pete Howard (Secretary)

David welcomed and introduced new members.

Pete reviewed some activities & accomplishments of this task group: State Of The Town address, Water billing & delivery, Assessor's web site, Mass Ave assessments North Cambridge vs East Arlington, critique of the Town's Financial Plan. Questions & discussions on each.

Business assessments: David & Heather reviewed the info we have so far. This data shows very different land values for nearby properties. The group discussed the assessor's department. Members expressed concern with the lack of transparency and dubious management decisions. The FRTG requested business assessment data in spreadsheet format last spring. During the summer, after getting no response, we sent a reminder. After considering more drastic measures, members agreed to first send a 3d request.

Community Preservation Act: Pete described the act and the proposal to accept it for Arlington. The proposal will be on the November ballot. Brian gave reasons why he opposes it. There was a spirited discussion.

VOTED that Arlington should approve Question 5 which would accept the CPA.

5 yes, 1 neutral, 1 abstain.

NEXT MEETING: Oct 16 - Meetings held monthly, 3rd Thursdays 7:30 PM Locations TBD